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# THE HEDGEHOG

## Who's Who

### PREVIOUSLY...

#### A KINGDOM IN PERIL!

As Sonic the Hedgehog leads **Team Fighters** abroad to hunt down the evil Dr. Eggman and his Death Egg Mark2 battle station, Rotor's **Team Freedom** stands poised to defend the city of New Mobotropolis. But these days it seems that defending the Republic of Acorn is no easy task.



On the throne of Acorn sits the evil wizard King Ixis Naugus, who, along with his apprentice Geoffrey St. John, has manipulated the fears of the public to seize the crown. In a recent battle with the Eggman Empire, Naugus collapsed in agony and horrible mutations erupted from his body. While Eggman's forces were eventually beaten back by Team Freedom (with a little help from the Secret Freedom Fighters – shh!) it seems that Naugus's condition has only gotten worse.

The wizard King is now dangerously insane, and his mutations are escalating. Naugus even attempted to cast a mind control spell over the Council of Acorn as they worked to ratify the Kingdom's new constitution. The Secret Freedom Fighters (with a little help from a remorseful Geoffrey St. John – shh!) put a stop to the scheme, but Naugus's triple threat remains:

**He's crazy. He's desperate.  
And he's ANGRY...**



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**  
HERO OF MOBIUS



**DR. EGGMAN**  
WORLD-CONQUERING  
MAD SCIENTIST



**KING IXIS NAUGUS**  
EVIL (?) WIZARD



**GEOFFREY ST. JOHN**  
EX-SPY & IXIS APPRENTICE





# UNRAVELING

EASTBOUND TO  
THE MERCIAN  
COAST...

THAT  
TRACKER YOU  
PLANTED ON THE  
DEATH EGG IS  
WORKING LIKE A  
CHARM!\* WE'VE  
GOT EGGMAN  
RUNNING SCARED  
NOW!

THANKS,  
SONIC!

BUT  
FOLLOWING  
IT IS ONE  
THING.

TAKING  
IT DOWN  
WILL BE  
ANOTHER!

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ABOARD THE DEATH EGG II...

BLASTED HEDGEHOG... THROW SOME EGG-SWATS AT THEM WHILE I FIND SOMETHING BIGGER!

ALREADY ON THE WAY, BOSS.

RRRGH! SO MANY DEATH MACHINES! TOO LITTLE TIME TO COMPLETE THEM!

PARDON, M'LORD, BUT ME-- THINKS--

--I HATH FOUNDETH SOMETHING...

EGAD! IT'S A SPRIG OF THE KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA! \*WHY, I COULD PLUG THIS INTO ANY OF MY MACHINES, HAVE IT TAKE OVER, AND...

\*SONIC SELECT VOL. 6.

EGG-SWATS AT TWELVE O'CLOCK!

OOH!

THEY'VE GOT JET-PACKS! I HAVEN'T SMASHED ANY OF THOSE!

LET'S MAKE THIS QUICK ...!

...THE SOONER WE RESCUE SALLY, THE SOONER WE GET HOME.

I DON'T LIKE LEAVING EVERYONE BEHIND WITH NAUGUS ON THE THRONE.



THERE IS NO ESCAPE FROM US, NOT EVEN IN YOUR DREAMS.

YOU FAIL AS ANIXIS. YOU CAN'T HANDLE ONE HEDGEHOG.

YOU WEAR THE CROWN, BUT YOU HAVE NO CONTROL! NOT OVER YOUR KINGDOM! NOT OVER US!

NOT EVEN YOUR OWN BODY!

AFRAID I CAN'T DO THAT, SIR, LIKE I SAID, IT'S TIME TO GET UP.

SILENCE! LEAVE ME BE!

YOU'VE GOT A FULL DAY AHEAD, MAKE YOURSELF PRESENTABLE.

HRRGH...WATCH YOUR TONE WITH ME, APPRENTICE!

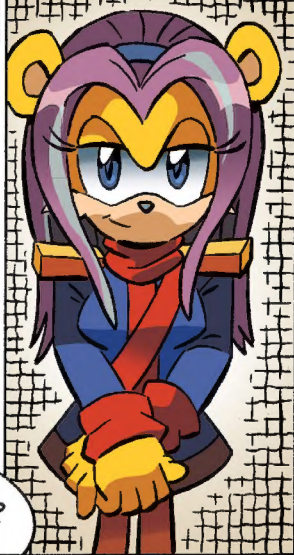
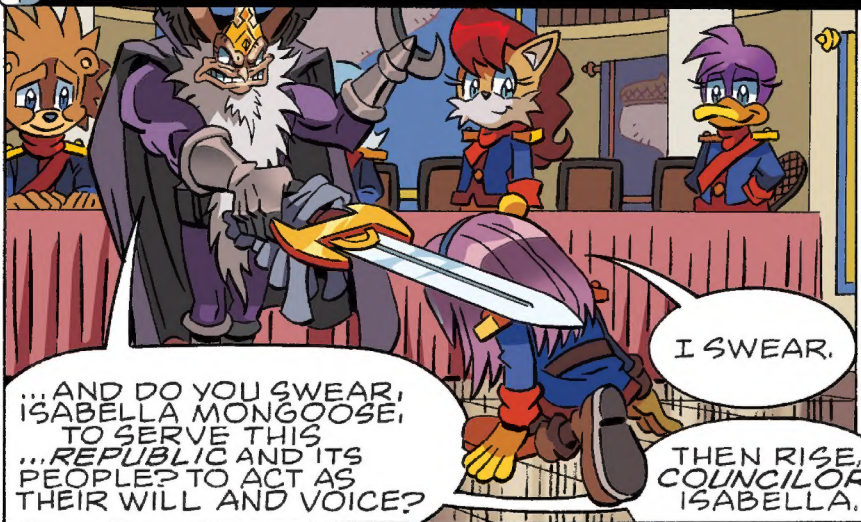
HE'S BEEN SURLY EVER SINCE...

...THE DEBACLE UNDER THE CITY.\* I'LL HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM, TOO...

\*SU# 44-- SECRET FREEDOM.



"FIRST OFF, YOU'RE SWEARING IN THE NEW COUNCILOR FROM THE EMERGENCY ELECTION."



I SWEAR.

...AND DO YOU SWEAR, ISABELLA MONGOOSE, TO SERVE THIS ...REPUBLIC AND ITS PEOPLE TO ACT AS THEIR WILL AND VOICE?

THEN RISE, COUNCILOR ISABELLA.



FINALLY, TAKE THIS BLASTED THING BACK TO THE ARMORY.

CAN'T HANDLE A LITTLE HOLY RELIC, SIR?

IT BURNS TO THE TOUCH...! NOW AWAY WITH IT!



WOULD OUR NEWEST COUNCILOR LIKE TO START TODAY'S AGENDA?

I WOULD, ROSEMARY, THANK YOU.

I MOTION TO OVERTURN NICOLE'S EXILE.







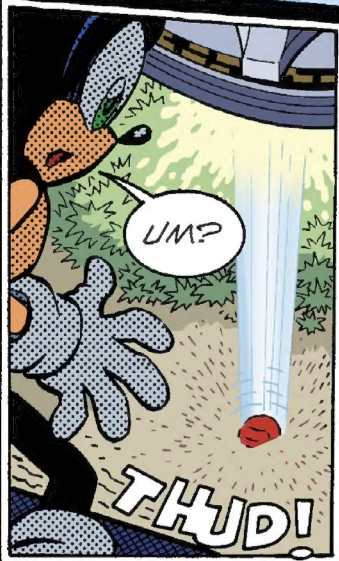


BACK ON THE COAST...

LAST ONE!

C'MON, DOC!  
WE'RE TEAM FIGHTERS! GIVE US SOMETHING TO FIGHT!

PIKO!



UM?

THUD!



I LIVE AGAIN!  
SONIC!  
THIS TIME YOU'RE MINE!

BOSS... DIDNT YOU DESTROY THE HYDRA LAST TIME FOR TRYING TO KILL SONIC?



CLAP CLAP CLAP  
THIS TIME IT SERVES MY PURPOSES!  
FULL SPEED AHEAD!

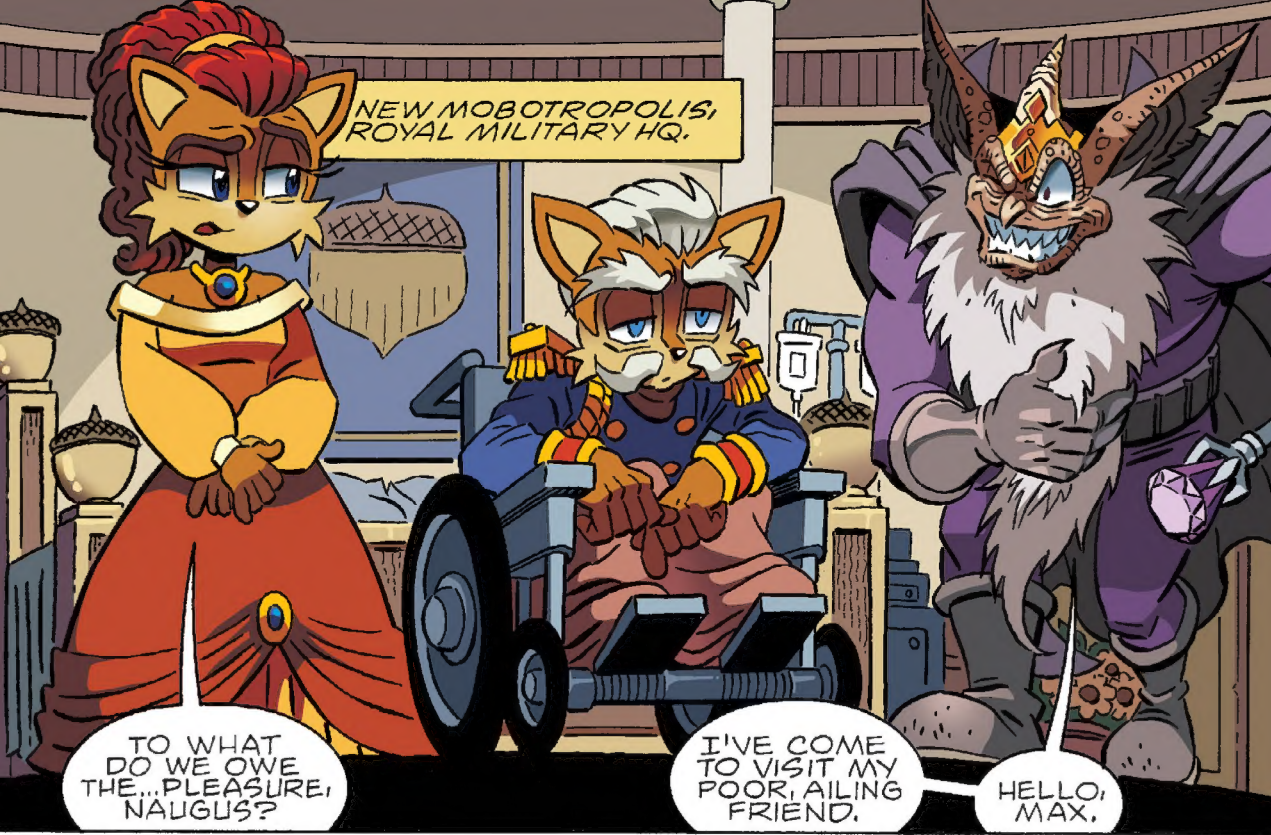
OH, THAT'S... REALLY NOT GOOD.

SONIC! WHAT IS THAT?

A KRUDZU THING -- I'LL EXPLAIN LATER!  
WE NEED TO TAKE IT DOWN BEFORE IT GETS ANY STRONGER!







NEW MOBOTROPOLIS,  
ROYAL MILITARY HQ.

TO WHAT  
DO WE OWE  
THE... PLEASURE,  
NAUGUS?

I'VE COME  
TO VISIT MY  
POOR, AILING  
FRIEND.

HELLO,  
MAX.

IT PAINS ME TO SEE  
YOU LIKE THIS. I  
WATCHED YOU GROW  
INTO A FINE YOUNG  
MAN. \* FROM KING  
TO GREAT WAR TO  
BANISHMENT...

I WAS THERE FOR YOU  
THEN, WASN'T I? I  
GAVE YOU THE POWER  
TO SURVIVE THE  
ZONE. \*\* DO YOU  
REMEMBER HOW  
STRONG AND  
HEALTHY YOU WERE  
THEN? MMM?

MY HUSBAND IS NOT  
WELL, SIR. PLEASE  
GET TO YOUR POINT.

LADY ALICIA, I'M  
OFFERING HIM A  
NEW LEASE ON LIFE!  
I CAN MAKE HIM  
WHOLE WITH MY  
CRYSTALLINE  
MAGIC!



\*SONIC  
ARCHIVES  
VOLUME 17.



\*SONIC  
ARCHIVES  
VOLUME 14.





ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ME AGAIN, JUST AS BEFORE.

AND THEN I CAN POSSESS YOU AGAIN, \* GIVING ME TIME TO FIND A WAY TO HEAL MY BODY.

\*SONIC SELECT VOLUME 3.

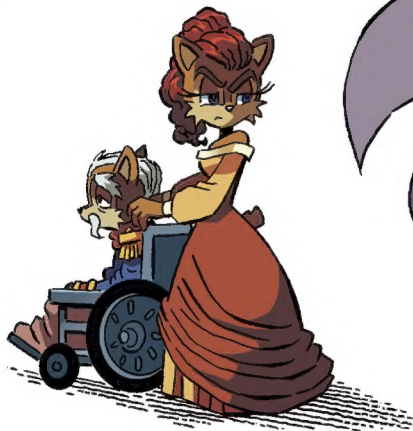
N-NO...

NOW, NOW-- MAX, I--

HE HAS GIVEN YOU AN ANSWER. NOW KINDLY LEAVE US IN PEACE.

I AM KING HERE! I--!

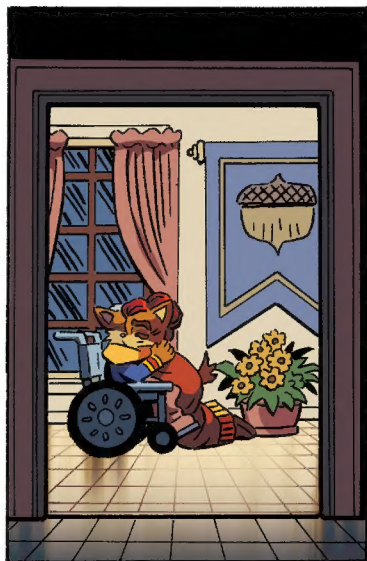
HE IS THE BELOVED FORMER KING! AND YOU LOOK NO HEALTHIER. LEAVE, OR WE WILL SEE WHO THE GUARDS TRULY FAVOR AND HOW YOU FARE AGAINST THEM!



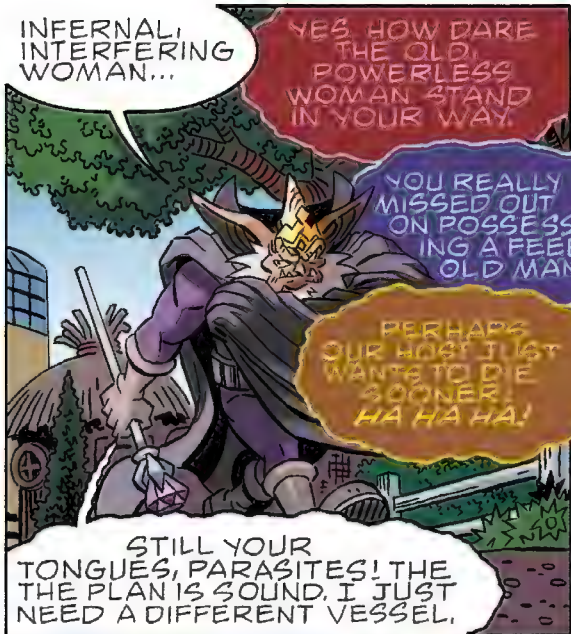
ALICIA...



TH-THANK YOU...







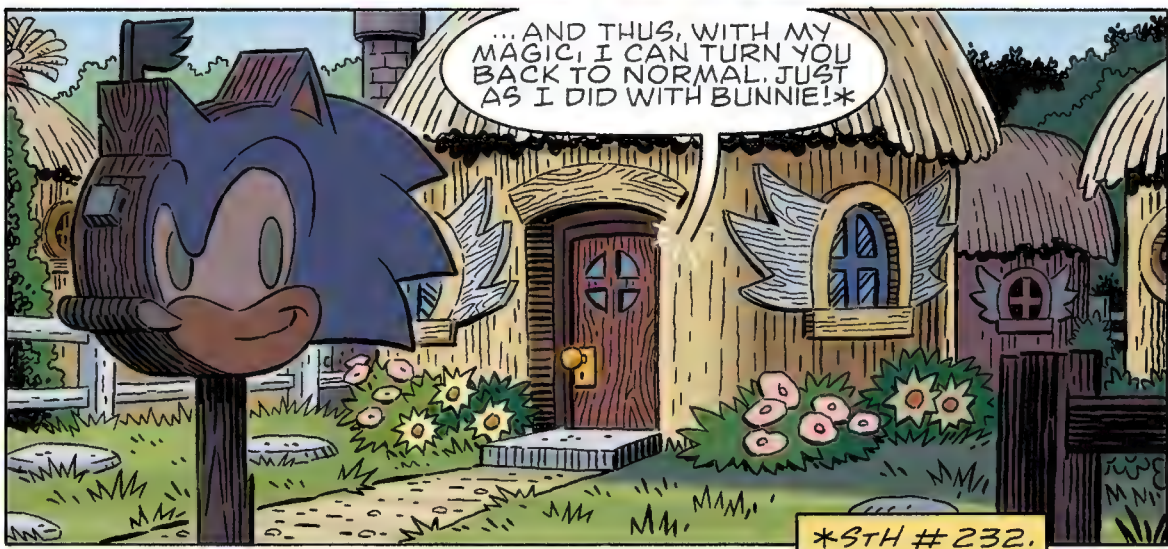
INFERNAL, INTERFERING WOMAN...

YES HOW DARE THE OLD, POWERLESS WOMAN STAND IN YOUR WAY.

YOU REALLY MISSED OUT ON POSSESSING A FEEBLE OLD MAN.

PERHAPS OUR HOST JUST WANTS TO DIE SOONER! HA HA HA!

STILL YOUR TONGUES, PARASITES! THE THE PLAN IS SOUND. I JUST NEED A DIFFERENT VESSEL.



... AND THUS, WITH MY MAGIC, I CAN TURN YOU BACK TO NORMAL. JUST AS I DID WITH BUNNIE!\*

\*STH # 232.



ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS PUT YOUR FAITH IN YOUR KING. WHAT DO YOU SAY?







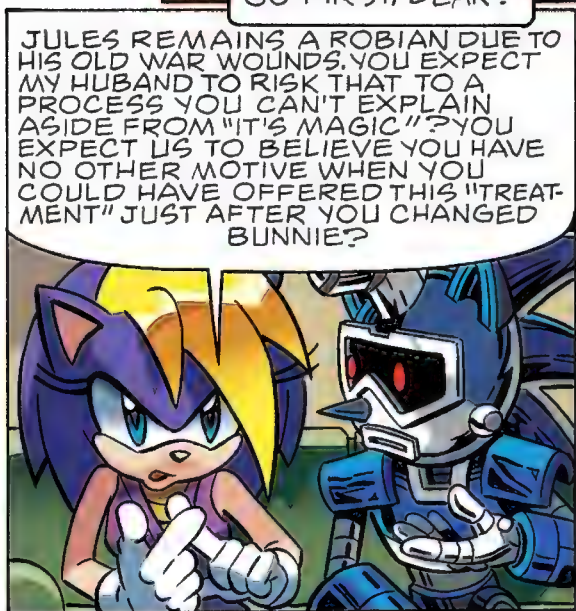
AND I NEED TO ENTER INTO A "MAGICAL CONTRACT" WITH YOU BECAUSE...

IT'S THE NATURE OF THE SPELL.

EXCEPT BUNNIE DIDN'T NEED TO.

TH-THAT WAS... A DIFFERENT SITUATION...

LH-HUH. CARE TO GO FIRST, DEAR?

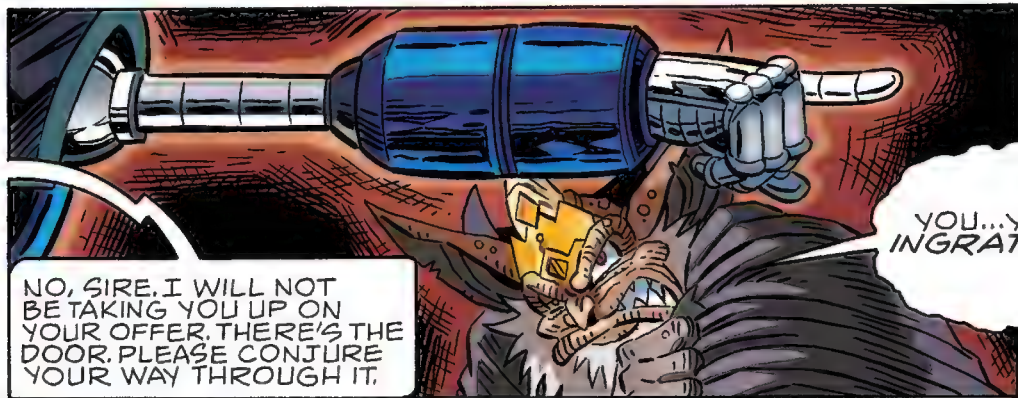


JULES REMAINS A ROBIAN DUE TO HIS OLD WAR WOUNDS. YOU EXPECT MY HUBAND TO RISK THAT TO A PROCESS YOU CAN'T EXPLAIN ASIDE FROM "IT'S MAGIC"? YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE YOU HAVE NO OTHER MOTIVE WHEN YOU COULD HAVE OFFERED THIS "TREATMENT" JUST AFTER YOU CHANGED BUNNIE?



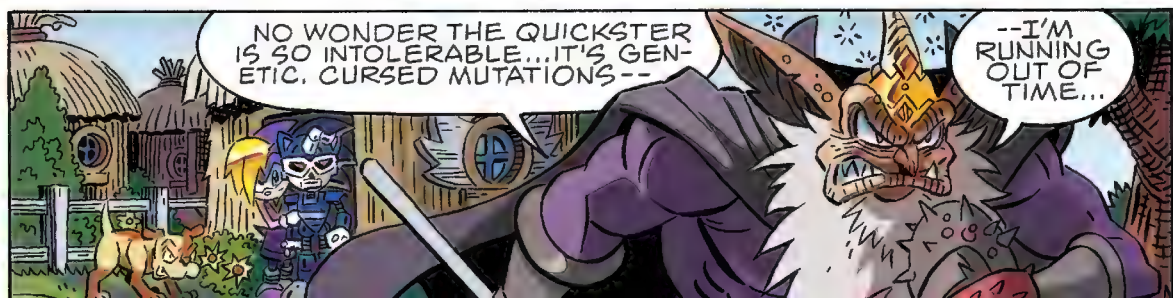
OF ALL THE NERVE TO... YOUR TURN, HON.

FURTHERMORE, YOU ARE THE MAN WHO NEARLY DROVE MOBIANS AND ROBANS INTO CIVIL WAR, WERE THE BITTER ENEMY OF MY MENTOR, AND--MOST IMPORTANTLY --TRIED TO KILL MY SON.



NO, SIRE. I WILL NOT BE TAKING YOU UP ON YOUR OFFER. THERE'S THE DOOR. PLEASE CONJURE YOUR WAY THROUGH IT.

YOU...YOU INGRATES...



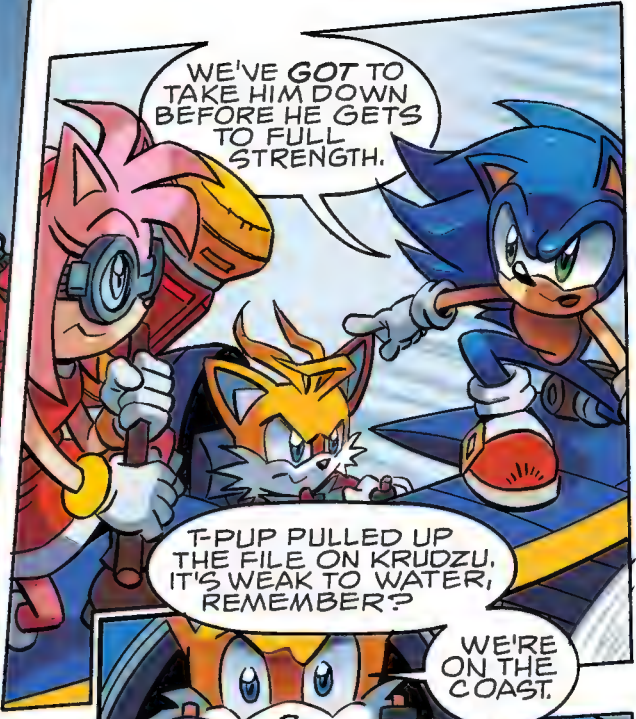
NO WONDER THE QUICKSTER IS SO INTOLERABLE...IT'S GENETIC. CURSED MUTATIONS--

--I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME...





FALL BEFORE ME, INSECTS!



WE'VE GOT TO TAKE HIM DOWN BEFORE HE GETS TO FULL STRENGTH.

T-PUP PULLED UP THE FILE ON KRUDZU. IT'S WEAK TO WATER, REMEMBER?

WE'RE ON THE COAST.



BINGO!

THEN WE PUT EVERYTHING INTO ONE HIT AND KNOCK IT INTO THE SURF!

AMY, YOU SERVE UP A WALLOP COMBO!

TAILS, LOCK THE MISSILES ONTO ME WHEN I LAUNCH! IT'S NOW OR NEVER --LITERALLY.



SKASSH!!!

POW!





AUGH!  
NO! WHAT  
DID YOU  
DO--?!



AHHHHH!  
I'LL BE BACK!  
I'VE COME BACK  
FROM WORSE!  
I'LL BE BAAACK  
--!



CUT IT  
A LITTLE  
CLOSE  
THERE,  
HUH?!

ONLY A  
LITTLE.

BIG GUY  
MADE ME  
THINK OF  
NAUGUS.

ALL  
THAT  
POWER  
ON THE  
OUTSIDE...





"...NO SUBSTANCE ON THE INSIDE!"

LATER--NEW MOBOTROPOLIS, COLISEUM...

THIS BETTER BE THE LAST THING FOR TODAY, APPRENTICE.

JUST THIS PUBLIC APPEARANCE AT MINA'S CONCERT, SIR.

GOOD. TODAY HAS BEEN... TRYING.

YOU SEEM... RELAXED

I USED THIS BAND TO SPREAD FEAR ABOUT THE A.I.\* MORE HATE-MONGERING MUSIC WILL QUELL ANY TALK OF...

GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE, AND THANKS FOR COMING OUT! THE LAST CONCERT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT EMPOWERMENT, BUT THE MESSAGE GOT LOST IN A CLOUD OF MY OWN FEARS. I WANT TO START BY SAYING TONIGHT'S THEME IS ABOUT LOVE, UNDERSTANDING...

...REVERSING THE EXILE.

\*STH # 221.

...AND FORGIVENESS!

TONIGHT IS DEDICATED TO SOMEONE VERY SPECIAL WHO'S GIVEN EVERYTHING FOR US, BUT NOW NEEDS US TO GIVE IN RETURN. THIS FIRST SONG --THIS WHOLE CONCERT-- IS DEDICATED TO YOU, NICOLE.

SHUT UP!

HAHAHA

I'M GOING TO VOMIT.

I'M SICK OF KEEPING UP THESE PRETENSES, I'M SICK OF THE CITIZEN'S FICKLE MOOD. I'M SICK OF THE MUTATIONS AND YOUR VOICES, AND--

MOTHER, I THINK I LOST THAT TAIL-LOOKING DOLL.

PUBLIC IMAGE, SIT.

YOU'VE TAKEN SUCH GOOD CARE OF IT. I'M SURE YOU JUST LEFT IT AT HOME.



"NO, I'M SURE I BROUGHT IT ALONG..."

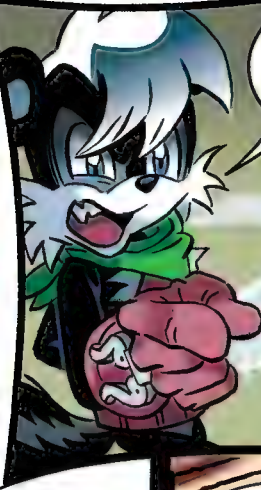
SCHLURP SCHLURP

A ONE! A TWO! A ONE-TWO-THREE-WHOA!

TEAM FREEDOM! GET THEM OFF THE STAGE!

SCHLURP SCHLURP





YOU JUST HAD TO DO SOMETHING, DIDN'T YOU? DON'T YOU DARE TELL ME IT WAS "JUST A TREMOR," OR...



...CRIKEY, IT WASN'T YOU?



WHEEZE... WHEEZE...



YOU OKAY?

MINA! MINA! ARE YOU HURT?!

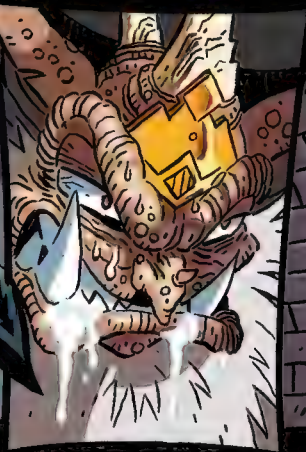


LET'S HEAR IT FOR TEAM FREEDOM, SAVING THE DAY AGAIN!

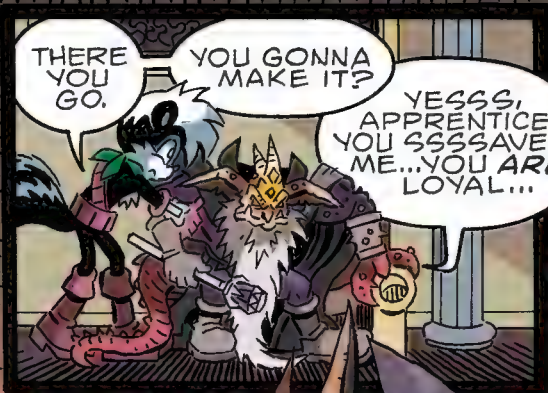
YAAAAAY!

THIS IS ONE MORE REASON WE NEED NICOLE BACK! THE STAGE WOULD'VE BEEN FINE IF SHE'D BEEN HERE! SHE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT! TEAM FREEDOM AND TEAM FIGHTERS NEED OUR SUPPORT! THEY'RE THERE FOR US--WE NEED TO BE THERE FOR OUR HEROES!

YEAH!  
WE WANT NICOLE!  
HEROES! HEROES!  
HEROES!



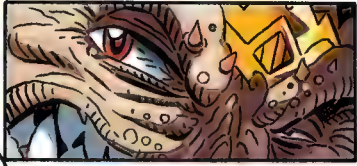




THERE YOU GO.

YOU GONNA MAKE IT?

YESSS, APPRENTICE... YOU SSSSAVED ME... YOU ARE LOYAL...



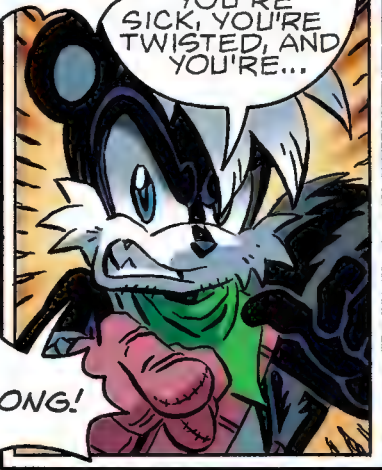
I SHOULDN'T BE, I BELIEVED YOU COULD DO GOOD FOR THIS CITY.

QUIRKS ASIDE, YOU TAUGHT ME TO BE STRONG AND SELF-RELIANT. I THOUGHT YOU COULD BRING THOSE IDEALS TO MOBOTROPOLIS.

WATCH YOUR WORDS...

NO! YOU LISTEN TO MINE! YOU BETRAYED MY CITY WITH THAT STUPID STUNT YOU PULLED UNDERGROUND!\*

IT'S A MIRACLE YOU WERE STOPPED! YOU'RE SICK, YOU'RE TWISTED, AND YOU'RE...



...WRONG!

\*SEE SONIC UNIVERSE #44 -- EDITOR



AND I'M NO BETTER. MAKES ME A LOUSY PERSON TO JUDGE.

LOOK...

... I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE IN THE ORDER OF IXIS. ALL THE LIES AND BACK-STABBIN' MIGHT'VE BEEN NEEDED BACK THEN. AND IT SERVED ME AS A SPY...



... BUT THOSE DAYS ARE BEHIND US.

THIS CITY IS FULL OF CHARITABLE, FORGIVING FOLKS. IT'S THE ONE PLACE IN THE WORLD BLOKES LIKE US CAN LET OUR GUARDS DOWN AND TRULY DO GOOD.



ARE YOU SO NAIVE AS TO THINK THEY WOULD OFFER US THEIR TRUST? TO OFFER REDEMPTION?

YOU HEARD THE CROWD! THEY'RE READY TO BRING NICOLE BACK ALREADY. I ARRESTED SONIC ONCE, AND HE PUT IT BEHIND HIM FOR PITY'S SAKE!\*



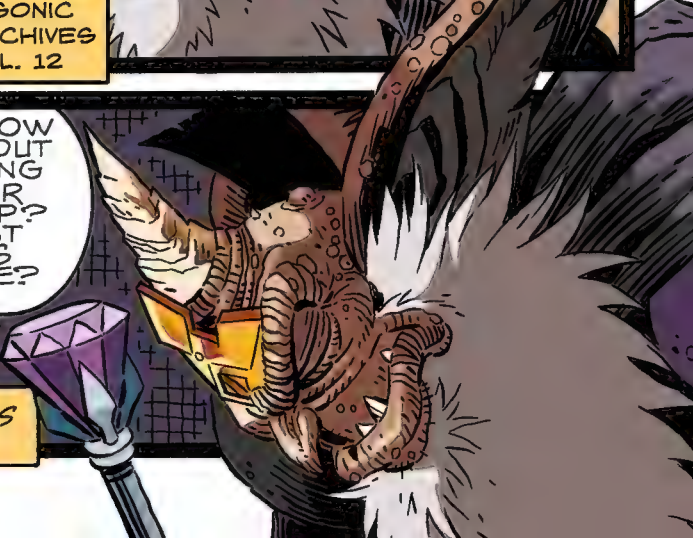
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MY POINT IS: I KNOW YOU'RE SICK. HAVE BEEN SINCE EGG-MAN DID HIS "WHITE OUT" ATTACK.\*\* INSTEAD OF TRYING TO TRICK YOUR WAY OUT OF IT...

... HOW ABOUT ASKING FOR HELP? JUST THIS ONCE?



\*\* GENESIS GN.







DON'T EVEN PRE-TEND TO CONSIDER IT, YOU'RE TOO PRIDEFUL.

HE SHOULD NOT BE CAUSE IT'S STUPID! YOU DON'T EXPOSE YOUR WEAKNESSES TO THE ENEMY!

IF YOU GIVE IN TO YOUR APPRENTICE YOU'LL JUST PROVE YOU'RE AS GULLIBLE AS THE REST OF THIS CITY OF MORONS.



OH... OH, YES.

IT APPEARS WE'VE REACHED A CONSENSUS FOR ONCE.

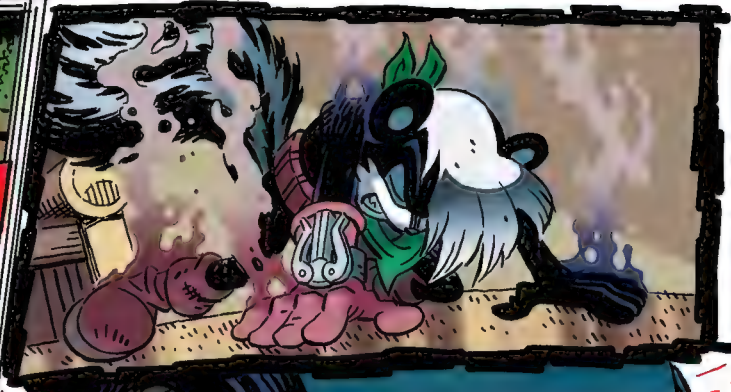
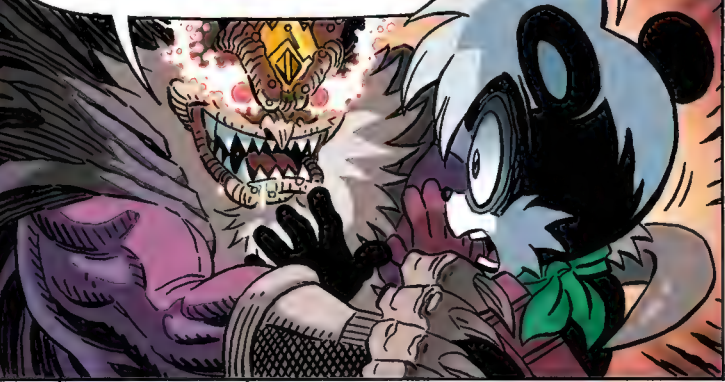


MY DEAR GEOFFREY, YOU'VE REMINDED ME OF WHAT I FORGOT.

SIR?

YOU SWORE YOUR ALLEGIANCE YEARS AGO! YOU ENTERED INTO CONTRACT AT THE BEGINNING! YOU WILL SERVE AS MY VESSEL!

NO!!! LET GO OF--!





THE NEXT DAY...

...AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE--AND OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES--WE WELCOME YOU BACK INTO THE CITY UNDER "MONITORED CONDITIONS,"

I AM HAPPY TO ACCEPT, SIR CHARLES. I KNOW WITH YOU I WILL BE IN GOOD HANDS, BUT WAS IT REALLY UNANIMOUS?

WELL...

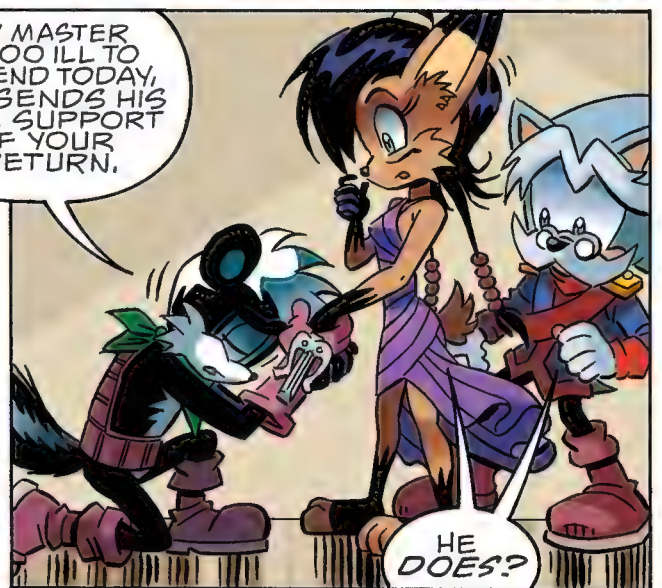
IT IS NOW!

MY MASTER IS TOO ILL TO ATTEND TODAY, BUT SENDS HIS FULL SUPPORT OF YOUR RETURN.

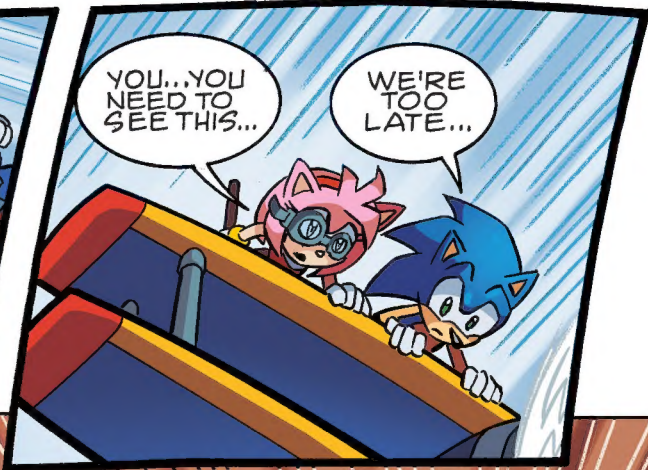
HE DOES?

HE HAS ALSO SENT ME TO CONFESS A TERRIBLE SECRET HE HAS KEPT FROM ALL OF YOU. HE IS DYING, AND IN HIS DESPAIR, HE TRIED TO TAKE ON ALL HE COULD --TO SERVE THE CITY TO HIS FULLEST IN HIS LAST HOURS.

IT'S TAKEN ME QUITE A WHILE, BUT I GOT HIM TO SEE HIS OLD WAYS WERE FLAWED, AND HOW TOGETHER WE MAY SAVE HIS LIFE. SO THAT HE MAY SERVE YOU BETTER, WILL YOU HELP ME TO HELP HIM?







**The fabled homeland of the Echidnas is UNDER ATTACK! Can TEAM FIGHTERS turn the tide? Maybe with a little help from KNUCKLES!**

**Join us in STH issue 243 for "ENDANGERED SPECIES!" Until then, enjoy a SPECIAL EVENT STORY next month, SONIC UNIVERSE, the SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, and the GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!**



# the SONIC SPIN

*fans and critics agree -- this column features editorial commentary!*

## UH...YOU OK THERE, GEOFFREY?

Just when Geoffrey St. Jerk FINALLY decided to stick up for what's right, old wizard McCrazy-Pants goes and possesses him! Now some of you might be saying, "Serves the skunk right!" But yikes, does ANYONE deserve to have their body taken over by Ixis Naugus?? We'll find out a little later on, cuz there's some special treats coming up!

First up, next issue, we've got a stand-alone Sega crossover story featuring Sonic and pals at the Olympic games! Also next issue we catch the first glimpse of the next Sonic epic: "Endangered Species", as Team Fighters runs into some VERY familiar-looking Echidnas! Next, over in Sonic Universe we've got the stand-alone Sonic and All-Stars Racing Transformed game tie-in story! The issue? Sonic Universe #45. Get geared up for racing action that's truly TRANSFORMED! And don't forget to pre-order your copy of the Sonic Comic Encyclopedia, available next month! Don't miss it!

SEE YA NEXT MONTH!  
- Paul

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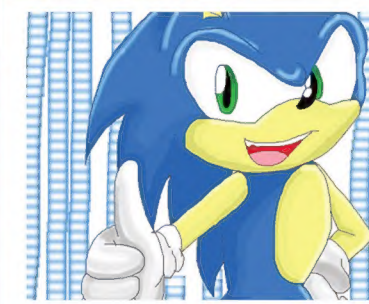
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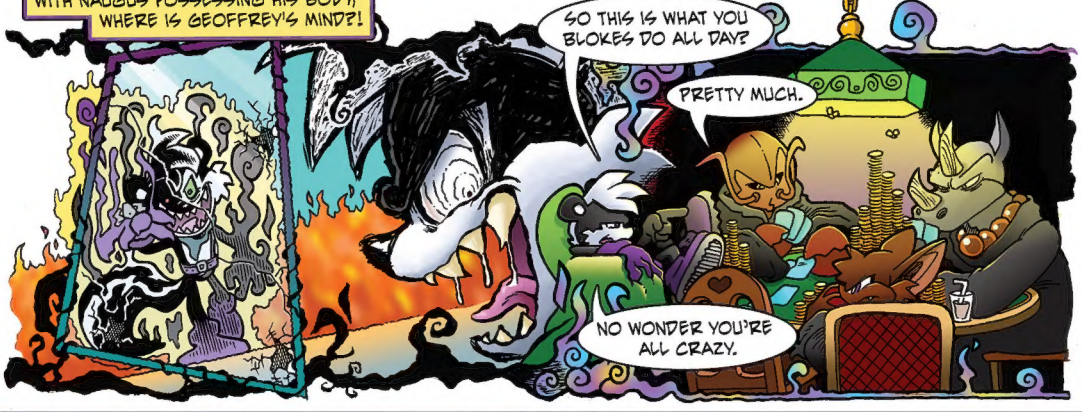
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WITH NAUGUS POSSESSING HIS BODY,  
WHERE IS GEOFFREY'S MIND?!



SO THIS IS WHAT YOU  
BLOKES DO ALL DAY?

PRETTY MUCH.

NO WONDER YOU'RE  
ALL CRAZY.





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### 'Sup Sonic-Grams!

I was an avid reader of the Sonic the Hedgehog comics from elementary school up until my Sophomore year in high school, promising massive disappointment if my birthday present wasn't a renewal of my Sonic the Hedgehog subscription!

Like a lot of kids, I got really bogged down by the heavy workload in high school and Sonic comic books sort of fell to the wayside for a while. Well, three years later and starting college as a Freshman,

I happened upon issue 238 at a local bookstore and let me say... Wow! The artwork and writing have only improved in my absence. But... Mecha Sally? I had to go way back and collect everything I'd missed! Luckily, I'm all caught up and super hyped to see how things pan out for Team Freedom.

You guys absolutely rock. I practically cried to see Steven Butler return to the books, and was psyched to see Jon Gray doing off-panel! Reminds me of some 100 issues ago.

Thanks for staying way-past-cool.

Back For Good,  
Hannah R.  
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

*Great to hear from you, Hannah -- and welcome back! We love reading mail from fans who had read when they were younger and are back in the fold now. And speaking of bringing it back, make sure y'all bring it back here next month for the very special one-shot Sega tie-in story: "Olympic Trials" -- after that we follow Team Fighters down to Albion!*

See y'all next month!

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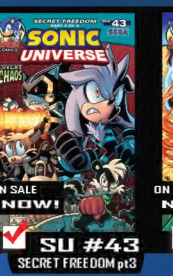
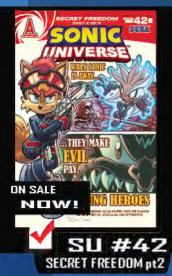
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